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| In re Application of:             | : |             |
| Narayanan et al.                  | : |             |
| Application No. 09/489,514        | : | DECISION ON |
| Filed: January 21, 2000           | : | PETITION    |
| Title of Invention:               | : |             |
| MEMBRANE-ELECTRODE ASSEMBLIES FOR | : |             |
| DIRECT METHANOL FUEL CELLS        | : |             |

This is a decision in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed April 15, 2005, to revive the above-identified application.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner to the final Office action, mailed June 13, 2002. The Notice set a shortened statutory period for reply of three (3) months from the mail date of the Notice, and also provided for extensions of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Applicant filed an Amendment in response to the Office action on October 3, 2003; however, the Amendment failed to place the application in condition for allowance. Applicant was so notified in an Advisory action mailed on October 1, 2002.

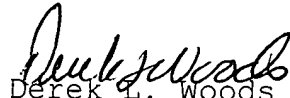
Applicant subsequently appealed to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences, which affirmed the Examiner in a Decision mailed September 21, 2004. Proceedings in the application were terminated, and because the period for seeking court review of the Board's decision has expired, and because no claims were allowed, the application stands abandoned. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on December 14, 2004.

With the instant petition Applicant has filed a Request for Continued Examination ("RCE") and a submission in the form of an Amendment with the RCE.

Having found that all of the requirements for a grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) have been met, **this petition is hereby granted.** See, 37 CFR 1.198 and MPEP 1214.07.

This application is being returned to Technology Center 1745 for processing of the RCE and Amendment.

Telephone inquiries related to this decision may be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3232.

  
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